

K.C. BECKER

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Environmental Policy & Program Leader

Government Program Leadership | Legislative Agenda Design & Execution | Environmental Policy

Dedicated, mission-focused, and passionate leader with diverse experience in state and federal government program and policy leadership spaces. Seasoned in effectively leading and navigating organizations and diverse stakeholder groups through disruptive changes. Hands-on leader, natural mentor, and highly collaborative influencer with excellent communication, analytical, decision-making, and problem-solving skills.

Areas of Expertise

- Environmental Policy & Legislative Leadership
- Economic & Community Development
- Land Use Strategy & Sustainability
- Legislative Agenda Development & Execution
- Project Planning & Management
- Public Policy & Policy Analysis
- Government & Non-Profit Programming
- Public & Community Relations
- Grant & Policy Writing
- Team Leadership & Collaboration

Key Accomplishments

Sponsored important and high-profile legislation throughout 7-year tenure in the Colorado House of Representatives including: passing nationally leading climate change legislation that requires the state to meet greenhouse gas emissions goals; led comprehensive reform of state regulation of the oil and gas industry; passed state public lands day that has become model in other states; passed bipartisan legislation providing funding for broadband access for rural Coloradans; the creation of an office of outdoor recreation; passed critical legislation to rescue state budget while also securing funding for rural hospitals and transportation funding; led legislation to reform and rescue financial stability of the state's PERA pension system; and other critical work.

Unique blend of legal practice spanning environmental and administrative law for the **U.S. Department of the Interior** and its **National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Bureau of Land Management.**

PUBLIC SERVICE EXPERIENCE

COLORADO STATE LEGISLATURE | Boulder, CO

October 2014 – January 2021

Speaker of the House (November 2018 – January 2021)

House Majority Leader (November 2016 – November 2018)

Colorado State Representative, House District 13, Greater Denver Area (November 2013 – January 2021)

- Selected in 2018 as the fourth woman in Colorado State history to serve as Speaker of the House.
- Represent over 80K district-wide constituents across a large geographical area and diverse population.
- As Speaker of the House, lead a direct staff of 12 and 65-member chamber across both political parties.
- Proudly served as a member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and Finance Committee.
- Chaired Legislative Council and Executive Committee.
- Oversee the development and strategic implementation of annual legislative agendas.
- Guide the 41-member Democratic caucus and supporting staff in executing key legislative priorities.
- Consistently ensure the health and safety of Colorado's communities and maintain access to its great outdoors by working on critical environmental legislation.
- Led the entire legislature through a \$3.3B+ state budget cut resulting from COVID-19 while concurrently directing the revamping of legislative processes related to evolving needs.
- Gained approval and Governor signature for a key public-school finance bill and COVID relief bill.
- Revamped the Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) by changing its overall mission and providing additional regulatory authority to boost public health, safety, and welfare.
- Provided sensitive and strategic leadership while spearheading the investigation into and expulsion of a legislator for sexual harassment, the first expulsion from the legislature in over 100 years.

BOULDER CITY COUNCIL | Boulder, CO

November 2009 – November 2013

Council Member

- Elected to set policies and city management strategies on behalf of Boulder residents.
- Served as the council's representative on the Boulder Urban Renewal Authority and selected to serve as the City's representative to the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG).

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR | Denver, CO / Washington, D.C.

March 1997 – August 2003

Attorney-Advisor, Office of the Solicitor

- Selected to a highly competitive Honors Attorney Program to advise federal agencies on legal matters related to land use planning, administrative law, NEPA, wildlife law, Taylor Grazing Act, Oil & Gas law, FOIA, rights-of-way, real estate appraisals, and other key matters.
- Actively practiced natural resource and administrative law as an Attorney for the National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Bureau of Land Management.
- Authored opinions, regulations, and legal briefs across a diverse range of topics and emerging areas.
- Defended the agency in various administrative law hearings.
- Regularly briefed DOI administration on various administrative and natural resource laws.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

Juris Doctor

1996

NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW AT LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE | Portland, OR

- *Ranked within the top 15% of the college for two consecutive years*
- *Member, Cornelius Honor Society, Environmental Law (Law Review), and Ninth Circuit Review*
- *President & Board Chairman, Public Interest Law Project*
- *Recipient, Environmental Law Certificate*

Master of Science in Real Estate Development & Construction Management

2005

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER, STURM SCHOOL OF BUSINESS | Denver, CO

Bachelor of Arts in Government

1991

THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY | Williamsburg, VA

BAR ADMISSIONS & APPLICATIONS

- Colorado (2008)
- Washington, D.C. (2002)
- Oregon (1996)

SELECTED HONORS & AWARDS

- Cleantech Industries Association: **Legislator of the Year** (2018)
- Conservation Colorado: **Legislator of the Year** (2018)
- University of Colorado: **Legislator of the Year** (2017), **Legislative Champion** (2015 & 2018)
- Colorado Trial Lawyers Association: **Legislator of the Year** (2018)
- St. Vrain Valley Schools: **Excellence in Education Award** (2018)
- Colorado Association of School Boards: **Legislative Excellence Award** (2017)
- Colorado Association of School Executives: **Policy Leader Award** (2017 & 2018)
- Common Cause: **Democracy Champion** (2016)
- **Women Transforming Government Leadership Award**
- Senior Lobby **Bipartisan Leadership Award** (2017)
- CO Ceasefire: **Leadership Award** (2018)
- Healthier Colorado: **Impact Award** (2019 & 2020)
- Independent Bankers Association: **Champion of Small Business** (2015 & 2019)
- Colorado Restaurant Association: **Iron Skillet Award** (2016)
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving: **Legislative Champion** (2015)
- Colorado Rural Electric Association: **Courage Award** (2017)